

**CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS IN
BILINGUAL EDUCATION****CHAPTER 453**

H.B. No. 218

AN ACT**relating to certification requirements for teachers in bilingual education.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 29.061, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b) A teacher assigned to a bilingual education program *using one of the following program models* must be appropriately certified for bilingual education by the board:

(1) *transitional bilingual/early exit program model; or*

(2) *transitional bilingual/late exit program model.*

(b-1) A teacher assigned to a bilingual education program using a dual language immersion/one-way or two-way program model must be appropriately certified by the board for:

(1) *bilingual education for the component of the program provided in a language other than English; and*

(2) *bilingual education or English as a second language for the component of the program provided in English.*

(b-2) A school district that provides a bilingual education program using a dual language immersion/one-way or two-way program model may assign a teacher certified under Subsection (b-1)(1) for the language other than English component of the program and a different teacher certified under Subsection (b-1)(2) for the English language component.

(c) A teacher assigned to an English as a second language ~~(or other special language)~~ program must be appropriately certified for English as a second language by the board.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015–2016 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 1, 2015: Yeas 134, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 15, 2015.

Effective June 15, 2015.

**ISSUANCE OF “IN GOD WE TRUST” SPECIALTY LICENSE
PLATES****CHAPTER 454**

H.B. No. 315

AN ACT**relating to the issuance of “In God We Trust” specialty license plates.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.665 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.665. IN GOD WE TRUST LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed license plates that include the words "In God We Trust."

(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and may be appropriated only to the Texas Veterans Commission.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

Passed by the House on April 16, 2015: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 315 on May 21, 2015: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective January 1, 2016.

SEALING OF CERTAIN COURT DOCUMENTS FILED ELECTRONICALLY IN A CHILD PROTECTION SUIT

CHAPTER 455

H.B. No. 331

AN ACT

relating to the sealing of certain court documents filed electronically in a child protection suit.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 262.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 262.011. SEALING OF COURT RECORDS FILED ELECTRONICALLY. For purposes of determining whether to seal documents in accordance with Rule 76a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, in a suit under this subtitle, the court shall consider documents filed through an electronic filing system in the same manner as any other document filed with the court.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is pending in a trial court on or filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 30, 2015: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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